

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Bloom, Team Leader, (406) 232-7000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An ACEC is an area within the public lands where special management attention is required to protect important historic, cultural or scenic values, fish and wildlife resources or other natural systems, or to protect life and safety from natural hazards.

In 1992, during the public participation phase on BLM's Draft Miles City District Oil and Gas RMP/EIS Amendment, the Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society proposed six areas for ACEC designation: Fossil Cycad, Pryor Mountains, Pompeys Pillar, Bridger Fossil-Red Dome, Finger Buttes, and Deadhorse Badlands. When the Record of Decision (1994) for the document was issued, it was decided that these areas and two additional areas presented in the document: Meeteetse Spires and Weatherman Draw, would be analyzed in a separate Plan Amendment.

The planning area for this Plan Amendment consists of BLM-administered lands in proposed ACECs within the Billings, Powder River and South Dakota Resource Areas. The purpose and need, analysis process and request for nominations are included below to solicit your participation in this process.

The proposed action is to establish areas that have special values and require special management attention as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and to protect and enhance these areas to provide opportunities for scientific research and recreation for the public. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) requires that priority be given to designation and protection of ACECs. The ACEC designation indicates to the public that BLM recognizes the area as having significant values and has established special management measures to protect those values. Designation also serves as a reminder that significant values or resources exist which must be accommodated in future management actions or land use proposals in or near the ACEC.

The public is asked to assist BLM in identification of ACECs. Nominations must meet both the relevance and importance criteria under the Code of Federal Regulations: 43 CFR 1610.7-2(a) to be considered as a potential ACEC.

The following are the nominations already received by BLM and the groups' reasons for the nomination. These areas have not yet been evaluated by BLM for the areas' relevance and

importance. The Pryor Mountains (75,000 public surface acres, Billings Resource Area, Carbon County, Montana) are proposed for ACEC designation for the significant cultural values, sensitive plants and animals, exceptional scenic values, nationally significant examples of natural processes and nominated National Natural Landmarks. The Red Dome-Bridger Fossil Area (3,528 public surface acres, Billings Resource Area, Carbon County, Montana) is proposed for ACEC designation because of paleontological phenomena, scenic values, and landforms that exemplify a natural system or process. A proposed and a designated National Natural Landmark located within the area indicate national importance. Pompeys Pillar (431 public surface acres, Billings Resource Area, Yellowstone County, Montana) is proposed for ACEC designation because of significant cultural values and national importance. Deadhorse Badlands (40,000 public surface acres, Powder River Resource Area, Carter County, Montana) is proposed for ACEC designation because of scenic values, naturalness, fragile and irreplaceable badlands features, and size. Finger Buttes (3,800 public surface acres, Powder River Resource Area, Carter County, Montana) is proposed for ACEC designation because of scenic values and a rare plant species. The Fossil Cycad Area (320 public surface acres, South Dakota Resource Area, Fall River County, South Dakota) was formerly a national monument. It is proposed for ACEC designation because of the significant paleontological resource and national importance.

The BLM previously nominated Meeteetse Spires and Weatherman Draw. Meeteetse Spires (960 public surface acres, Billings Resource Area, Carbon County, Montana) contains two rare plants: *Shoshonea pulvinata* and *Townsendiana spatulata*. It is enjoyed by the recreating public because of the spectacular scenery. The BLM would manage this scenic area to protect the rare plants while allowing recreational use by the public. Weatherman Draw (2,250 public surface acres, Billings Resource Area, Carbon County, Montana) contains a unique cultural resource important for scientific research and of sacred value to Native Americans. The BLM would manage the area to preserve the site, and make it available for scientific research and for public interpretation.

The public is also requested to assist the BLM in the identification of issues. Examples of potential issues (problems, concerns) are: mineral development, recreational use and economics.

Alternatives will be developed to present a range of feasible management actions. The "No Action Alternative" will be included in accordance with 43 CFR 1502.14(d) and represent the continuation of current management.

Meetings for the areas proposed for ACEC designation are not yet scheduled. If meetings are scheduled, the public will be notified through local news releases.

The documentation on BLM's evaluations of relevance and importance will be made available at the BLM Powder River, Billings and South Dakota Resource Area offices.

Development of this document will require involvement of professionals from these disciplines: archaeology, economics, forestry, geology, land use planning, minerals, range management, recreation, realty, soil science and wildlife management. The public will be provided the opportunity to review and comment on issues and ACECs developed by BLM and to identify new issues and potential ACECs. A mailing list is being developed and will be used to communicate with and solicit comments from local, state and federal agencies, Native American tribes, the Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society, and the public at large which may be affected by the plan. As the planning process proceeds, these publics will be encouraged to participate.

The BLM is seeking information from individuals, organizations, and agencies who may be interested or affected by the proposals. Specifically, we request any nominations, issues, concerns or alternatives that should be addressed in the plan.

This notice meets the requirements of 43 CFR 1610.7-2 for designation of ACECs.

Darrel Pistorius,

Acting District Manager.

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Conveyance of Mineral Interests in California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: The private land described in this notice, aggregating 40.00 acres, is segregated and made unavailable for filings under the general mining laws and the mineral leasing laws to determine its suitability for conveyance of the reserved mineral interest pursuant to section 209 of the Federal

Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976.

The mineral interests will be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination.

The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface of minerals ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate nonmineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marcia Sieckman, California State Office, Federal Office Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-2845, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 979-2858. Serial No. CACA 33365.

T. 12 S., R. 3 W., San Bernardino Meridian, Sec. 29, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
County—San Diego.

Minerals Reservation—All coal and other minerals.

Upon publication of this Notice of Segregation in the **Federal Register** as provided in 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b), the mineral interests owned by the United States in the private lands covered by the application shall be segregated to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate by publication of an opening order in the **Federal Register** specifying the date and time of opening; upon issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance to such mineral interest; or two years from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Dated: March 27, 1995.

David McInay,

Chief, Branch of Lands.

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Amendment to Proposed Withdrawal; Opportunity for Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to amend their withdrawal application for the Grand Junction Archaeological Sites to include an additional 360 acres for the Fruita Paleontological site. This notice also proposes to increase the term for the

entire withdrawal from 20 years to 50 years. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments on the proposed withdrawal or request for public meeting must be received on or before July 5, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Colorado State Director, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood Colorado, 80215-7076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, (303) 239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 21, 1995, the Secretary approved the petition to allow the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Grand Junction Archaeological Sites Ute Principal Meridian Fruita Paleontological Site

T. 1 N., R. 3 W.,
Sec. 13, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 24, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains approximately 360 acres of public land in Mesa County.

The purpose of this withdrawal is to protect sites containing archaeological, paleontological, and cultural values.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with this withdrawal amendment. If the authorized officer determines that a meeting should be held, the meeting will be scheduled in accordance with 43 CFR 2310.3-1(c)(2).

Any persons who desire to submit comments, suggestions, or objections or who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on this proposed action must submit a written request to the Colorado State Director within 90 days of the date of publication of this notice.

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land herein described shall be segregated from operation of the public land laws as specified above, unless the application is denied or cancelled or the withdrawal is made prior to that date.

This land will continue to be managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Jenny L. Saunders,

Chief, Branch of Realty.

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Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Meeting of the FGDC Coordination Group

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to invite public participation in a meeting of the FGDC Coordination Group. Major topics for the meeting include fostering partnerships to promote the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and devising strategies to effectively involve the broad geospatial data community in the actions and decisions of the FGDC.

TIME AND PLACE: May 10, 1995, from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room Potomac 5, the Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Snyder, FGDC Secretariat, U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 22092; telephone (703) 648-5514; facsimile (703) 648-5755; Internet "gdc@usgs.gov".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FGDC is a committee of Federal agencies engaged in geospatial data activities. The FGDC Coordination Group oversees the FGDC subcommittees and working groups that address the establishment of standards for data content, quality, and transfer; encourages the exchange of information and the transfer of data; and organizes the collection of geographic data to reduce duplication of effort. This meeting of the FGDC Coordination Group will follow the 1995 National GeoData Forum being held at the same location. A primary focus of the Forum is to involve the entire geospatial data community in building partnerships for the development of the NSDI.

Dated: March 28, 1995.

James R. Plasker,

Associate Chief, National Mapping Division.

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